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# 1250 Communiqué

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### Welcome to our new members

**RC Chichester** - Willy Wood from RC Amersham. Willy is the fifth new member to join RCC this Rotary year.

**Godalming Woolsack** – Three new members - Mandy Holt, Catherine Lovell, Tony Luscombe

### Frugal Meal Reminder

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY 2006

Please raise funds for the Association of Children's Hospices by having a frugal meal in the week when Rotary's anniversary falls. Just £5 per head saved would raise £10,000 in our District!!

On my visits to clubs, I have asked you to support my proposal for a frugal meal at your club meeting nearest to Rotary's birthday (23rd February).

Please help to mark Rotary's birthday in a meaningful way. **Ian Swales**

**"I know we don't have any snow, and I therefore understand the wheels, but what happened to the reindeers, Father Christmas?"**

Get out of that one Ralph!!



**Shelterbox** have advised us that they are looking for funding for the 4,000 Shelterboxes, currently being assembled for Islamabad. 24 people are dying of hypothermia each day in that country and Shelterbox are doing their best to deliver to help with this distressing situation and are also sending teams to assist and advise on positioning and erecting tents etc. >>>>>>

### The Swales Scribblings

(From the District Governor)

It is scarcely credible that the Rotary year is already past its half-way point. But it would be true to say, in this case, that time flies when you are enjoying yourself. I trust the same sentiment applies to you all. However, the rose-tinted spectacles must not be allowed to get in the way of a carefully objective review of progress so far. Is your club on target to achieve the goals that were set at Club Assembly? Are all the members of the club making an active contribution to the life of the club?

In my travels around the district, I am constantly encouraged by the successes of each club. These vary from the regular hands-on community service projects to substantial fund-raising efforts, but what they all have in common is a commitment by Rotarians to making life better for some who are less fortunate.

I have heard remarkable reports of the amounts collected at Christmas: underlining yet again that the public will happily donate most generously to an organisation which they trust. We must ensure we always remain worthy of that trust.

Every month, there are published on the internet some sayings of our founder Paul Harris. I have been struck by the extraordinary vision he showed, and his conviction that Rotary would become a major force for bringing understanding between nations. Most importantly, he pinpointed the balance which should exist in every club in a remark contained in his message to the 1921 Convention in Edinburgh. He said "Since the beginning of civilisation, there has been a surplus of sayers of things. If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organisations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things."

Let us maintain the momentum for "doing things"; not only for the rest of this year, but in the years to come as well.

**Ian Swales**

If your club has any funds available, Shelterbox have requested that you again consider them for a further donation to help out with this. [www.shelterbox.org.uk](http://www.shelterbox.org.uk)

## DG's & District Diary

### February (Rotary)

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ashtead
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	General Council: Alcester
7 <sup>th</sup>	3 clubs dinner: Worthing
8 <sup>th</sup>	Titsey
13 <sup>th</sup>	Crawley
14 <sup>th</sup>	Littlehampton
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Sussex (Lindfield) Inaugural
21 <sup>st</sup>	Newhaven
22 <sup>nd</sup>	RIBI international committee: Alcester
24 <sup>th</sup>	Chichester Priory president's night
27 <sup>th</sup>	Brighton & Hove South Downs
28 <sup>th</sup>	Chichester



*In Aid of Treloar Trust and PDSA  
Inner Wheel of Farnham  
Weynick Presents*

# Showtime Spectacular

*Fantastic Evening of  
Music, Song and Dance  
So bring your dancing shoes*

<b>The Sincere Brothers</b> The Sincere Brothers are a group of four young men from the Farnham area who have been performing for many years. They are a real talent and will be performing a variety of songs and dances.	<b>Natalie Riggs</b> Natalie Riggs is a young girl from the Farnham area who has been performing for many years. She is a real talent and will be performing a variety of songs and dances.
<b>The Spick Choir</b> The Spick Choir is a group of young men from the Farnham area who have been performing for many years. They are a real talent and will be performing a variety of songs and dances.	<b>David Palford</b> David Palford is a young man from the Farnham area who has been performing for many years. He is a real talent and will be performing a variety of songs and dances.

*Princes Hall, Aldershot  
3rd February 2006  
Doors open 7.30pm - Finish Midnight  
Tickets only £10.00 per  
Child available from 10.00 (11.00)*

**HRH The Prince of Wales** and the Duchess of Cornwall will visit Westonbirt, the National Arboretum, **30th January** on a joint official visit that marks the start of anniversary year for the National Arboretum and the end of the centenary celebrations for Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. Westonbirt Arboretum is three miles south west of Tetbury on the A433 (Tetbury to Bath Road).  
**Details on our Website**

## District Web Site

Please visit [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk) to check out and maintain your club data and see the new entries included for information/interest.

District Conference 2006 info now on web site

## GSE Visit to India

To follow our teams activities whilst they are in India, go to the District Web site link or directly to web site listed below ...

[http://kmi4schools.e2bn.net/segfl\\_newick\\_house/index.htm](http://kmi4schools.e2bn.net/segfl_newick_house/index.htm)

## ROTABIKE FELLOWSHIP

**ROTABIKE – MONZA 2006** is a Rotary Club Monza's (2040 District) idea, with the contribution of Rotary Club Cinisello Sud Brianza, the Rotary Club Sesto San Giovanni (2040 District), the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (Italian Chapter), the Rotaract Clubs Dei Parchi and Monza (2040 District). These Clubs are preparing a great international event for all Rotarians who like motorcycles and believe in Rotary truth: friendship, cooperation and service. **ROTABIKE – MONZA 2006** will be the best opportunity to spend the funniest Rotarian weekend (**17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2006**) running on the famous Monza Circuit, visiting Brianza and Como Lake, having a big exciting night party and, at last but not at least, supporting together the Rotary Foundation. **ROTABIKE – MONZA 2006** will be an exciting, adrenalin and intense weekend by motorcycle. Further details on our web site [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MIDHURST AND PETWORTH

Invite you to join them at

### April Fool's Food Evening 2006

With the menu representing  
different times of the year

Saturday 1st April 2006  
7.15 for 7.45

At Midhurst Grammar School Hall, River Site

Proceeds to the Macmillan Unit at King Edward VII  
Hospital and other local charities

Tickets £15

Please contact: Andrew Mitchell, Rochiffe, Canon Lane, Midhurst, West  
Sussex GU28 9LD, Tel: 01730 814480 Email: [sandrew@rincos.net](mailto:sandrew@rincos.net)

## Celebrating 75years of East Grinstead Rotary Venue

Gatwick Worth Hotel  
Speaker  
Ann Widdecombe MP  
Date

18th March 2006

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Price £35 pp.

Black Ties or Lounge  
suits

Guests welcome

Last applications

1<sup>st</sup> March

Special stop over rates  
have been arranged  
Clubs will be receiving  
official invitations shortly.

## YOUTH EXCHANGE.....

Gentlemen: I am Nestor D. Archival, Rotary District 3860 from Cebu, Philippines. I am presently the coordinator of our district's Youth Exchange. I would like to explore the possibility of doing an exchange with your district. If this is possible, could you please give me the contact details of the Rotarian in charge of Youth Exchange? Thank you and best regards, Nestor D. Archival  
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Cebu Business Park, Cebu City  
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Fax No.: (63)(32)2338768  
Cell #: (63)(917)3235807/5465302

## Harbour moved in Chichester

Chichester Harbour have a new berth at  
**The Ship Hotel, North Street, Chichester**  
with immediate effect.

## 1250 Communications Team .... Communications are two way!

<b>Simon Crowther</b> District Communications Chair <a href="mailto:s.crowther@virgin.net">s.crowther@virgin.net</a>	<b>Douglas Price</b> District PRO and 1250 Communiqué Compiler, <a href="mailto:doug-price@btconnect.com">doug-price@btconnect.com</a>	<b>William Harmsworth</b> District 1250 Editor <a href="mailto:Editor1250@btinternet.com">Editor1250@btinternet.com</a>	<b>Neville Clark</b> District Web Master <a href="mailto:Neville.clark@hisite.co.uk">Neville.clark@hisite.co.uk</a>
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The next 1250 News will be distributed in April at District Council copy deadline to William by 28th February 2006  
 Next 1250 Communiqué planned to be published around 21<sup>st</sup> February, copy by 15<sup>th</sup> February to Doug Price please.

### District Health & Safety

#### MAKE IT A SAFE 2006

The position on Health and Safety is very simple and it is this:-

- Rotary has no choice but to comply with Health and Safety Legislation.
- RIBI require each Club to:-
- Prepare a Health and Safety Policy Statement setting out how Health and Safety is managed in your Club.
- This document should show :
  1. Who does what
  2. When action should be taken, ie what events and functions should be the subject of risk assessments
  3. How this action is taken, ie what measures should be put in place to reduce risk and protect all involved
  4. Health and Safety management is simply common sense. You won't have to stop doing anything.
  5. Your Club will already be following good practice and taking sensible precautions to minimise risk at your events and functions. The difference now is that we have to record and demonstrate that we do this. The first thing our Insurers will ask to see in the event of a claim is the risk assessment for the activity in question .
  6. RIBI have produced a very helpful, and succinct, document entitled Health and Safety – A Guide for Clubs and Districts which contains an example of a Health and Safety Policy Statement which you can use for your Club if you wish. You do not have to use this format but it sets out the information you need to record. This document was sent to all Club Secretaries in June last year. It can also be downloaded from the RIBI web site

The Health and Safety Contact for District 1250 is Bill Hatton. Burgess Hill Rotary Club ([suebillhatton@btinternet.com](mailto:suebillhatton@btinternet.com)) In order to try to help two documents are on our **web site to download** :- Health and Safety in District 1250 - a Power Point presentation of Health and Safety requirements kept as simple as possible. The Burgess Hill Health and Safety Policy Statement (lifted as far as possible from RIBI Guidance) REMEMBER, IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE .YOU WON'T HAVE TO STOP DOING ANYTHING.

**Rotary Shelter boxes** - Monday 23rd @ 7 pm on BBC southwest "Inside Out" programme - another ShelterBox Video diary of their work in the snow in Kashmir. If you would like a copy on DVD or VCR contact Doug Price.

### Membership Services

#### North West Area Discussion evening

Representatives of 10 Clubs of the NW area met on 16<sup>th</sup> January in Godalming for a beer and sandwiches informal meeting. The aim of this informal meeting was for each Club to air their views on Membership Development, and share with their colleagues in other Clubs initiatives taken, successes and failures, so that all could benefit from these experiences. Issues discussed ranged from the unfortunate experience of one Club who lost a keen member because his preference not to wear a tie all the time created bad feeling amongst the "Old guard" (which Century are we in! ), to a few Clubs reporting they had increased membership by moving venue to one with more friendly ambience. Ideas and experiments with developing and retaining members were discussed, involving Rotary supporters as "Friends of Rotary", before joining. Ideas were discussed for meetings involving prospective members, and all felt these should be "low key" and enjoyable, but informative, without ramming Rotary down visitor's throats, even to the extent of having a Social evening for prospective members which was used successfully by one Club. "Fireside chats", informal meetings inviting new members to air their views and ideas of Rotary seen through a fresh pair of eyes were used successfully by at least one Club, and it was universally agreed that giving new members a job to do was a great assistance with retention. I think all that came felt the evening was worth while, and at least I certainly learnt something! This was the first of similar meetings we hope to have in the other District Areas, and I would urge all those responsible in their Clubs for Membership Development to try and attend.

**Duncan Anderson** Membership Development Chairman  
 Email: [Thornfield.ander@BTconnect.com](mailto:Thornfield.ander@BTconnect.com) Tel: 01737 773437

For many years the **Farnham Weyside** Club has held a quiz to which teams of (up to) four from other Rotary, Rotaract and Inner Wheel clubs are invited. It's an evening with a small cover charge (£5 a head, plus a team fee of £6.50) to include a fish-n-chips supper, plus a bar. This is definitely not your ordinary quiz and we absolutely guarantee that it will be fun. **Details:** Tuesday, 14th March 2006, 7.15 to approx 10.15 p.m., Farnham College, Morley Road, Farnham. Contact: Rotn. Dennis Pratt, "Firfield", 5 Menin Way, Farnham, GU9 8DY. Tel: 01252 723190. Fax: 01252 719742. E-mail: [davidholdfd@aol.com](mailto:davidholdfd@aol.com)  
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## D1250 International Committee

### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE???

Do you enjoy walking? Are you reasonably fit?

Are you free the weekend 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006?

Do you want to help Sight Savers?

If you have answered yes to the above then you are needed for the Rotary Mountain Challenge 2006.

D1250 would like to put together a team of 6 walkers supported by 2 drivers to take part in this event.

You do not all have to come from one Club. So if you have any interest at all please let me know.

Neil Hills, D1250 International Committee Chairman

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## Youth Activities

**RYLA** - Places for this year's RYLA are rapidly filling up, so make your booking with David Spurrell as soon as possible. **The dates are from Sunday 9 April to Friday 14 April.**

**Youth Speaks.** Several clubs have already run their local competition, with many others to follow. Please let Michael Hart know your results, so that provision may be made for the Area Finals. The Southern Area Final will be held on **Tuesday 24 January** at Lancing College and the Northern Area Final is on **Thursday 9 February** at Bushey Hill School Guildford.

**Young Chef** – A District competition has now been organised and will be held at King Edward VI School Witley, which is between Godalming and Haslemere. It will be held on Friday morning **3 March**. Anyone wishing to enter a team or requires further information, please contact me or Giovanni Fontebasso. The two winners will progress to the Regional Final at the end of March.

**Andrew Kolmar** 1250 Youth Activities Chairman  
Tel: 01 483 274547 Email: [kolmar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kolmar@tiscali.co.uk)

## COMVOC SNIPPETS

### Good News

Both Surrey and Sussex have raised the necessary cash to enable the Kent Air Ambulance Service to operate within the two Counties. Phase two is the purchase of a further two helicopters.

**Excitement of Science** It is with regret that I have to announce that there will be NO Excitement of Science for the current Rotary Year.

### Stroke Awareness and Health Concern

**Day** The April Stroke awareness Day in April 2006 will be expanded to incorporate Health Concerns. By this it is intended that leaflets from health charities with whom Rotary Clubs have connections will be invited to supply copies of their literature so that it might be handed out to members of the public.

**District Sports** We are looking for a new team of Rotarians to organise and run District 1250's Disabled Sports day in 2006. If you are willing to participate in this worthwhile project please let me know.

E-mail [howardattree@netscape.net](mailto:howardattree@netscape.net) or Tel: 01273 583066

## RC of Worthing - Christmas

Our club through collections in the town centre of Worthing and at an outlying Garden Centre raised, with sponsorship, the grand total of £5790. Of this we immediately gave £2500 to the local Salvation Army for the distribution of several hundred Christmas food parcels to needy families and individuals locally. We also gave £500 to Worthing Boys' Club and £75 towards an old persons' Christmas dinner in the town. A further £200 was given to the charity fund of Worthing Inner Wheel in recognition of their help with our collections too.

**John Brenton** Communications Officer

## RYLA 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Application form and information sheets now available from District Web Site under EVENTS.

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**LifeStraw** This aptly named device is an invention that could become one of the greatest life-savers in history. It is a 25 cm long, 29 mm diameter, plastic pipe filter and costs just a few dollars. It is a personal, low-cost water purification tool with a life time of 700 litres – approximately one year of water consumption for one person. More ... [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)

### Some Christmas Collections....

Worthing Styne Christmas Collection £3,550.14

Worthing Christmas Collection at £5,790

Chichester Christmas Collection at £5,553

Chichester Priory Collection at £3,155

Chichester Harbour Collection at £ 956

Lewes with Lewes Castle & Barbican at £5,400